



Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am Mass

Weekday Schedule

Monday 12:05 pm

Wednesday 12:05pm

Thursday (Vespers after) 5:15 pm

Friday (at Maison Teche) 9:30am

1st Friday (at Church) 12:05 pm

Saturday after 1st Friday 8:30 am

Confessions

30 minutes before weekend Masses

15 minutes before weekday Masses

Or by appointment



Fr. Alexander Albert - Pastor

Ursula Gouner - Secretary

Becki Landry - Director of
Discipleship and Evangelization

Office Hours*

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8:00 am-Noon

Wed: 8:00 am-Noon, 1:00-5:00 pm

*Fr. Albert takes appointments outside
office hours. Please call to schedule.

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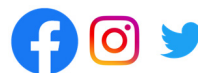
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: January 1st

Church - Larry Freeman
Chapel – Perry/Marvin “Ga” Hebert



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Burke Larroque, Cynthia Schexnayder

Wednesday Adoration& Benediction

Join us for adoration in the Church every Wednesday. Exposition starts at 12:30 and goes to 6:30pm. Benediction at 6:20.



Pray for our Military

Brett Amedee, Barry Clements, Matthew Gottschalk, Kenneth Lancon, Bernard LeBlanc, Jacob LeJeune, Lieutenant Colonel James S. Long, II, Ross Mata, Andrew Meyer, Alden Milar, Fernand Paul Muffoletto, Blake Prados, Michael Prados, Sherel Sinitiere, II, Travis Theriot; Jennifer Thibodeaux

Men's Rosary

A group of men pray the rosary together in the chapel every Saturday at 6am. All men are encouraged to attend!

Sacraments

- **Baptisms** are celebrated as needed. Registration and class attendance are required; please call the parish office.

- **Weddings**, please contact us at least 7 months before your desired date. Visit the website www.stjohnjeanerette.org/getting-married-at-st-john to see the process.

- **Anointing of the Sick** is given by request to those who are “in danger of death.” This can be from age, injury, or illness. Please don’t wait until the last minute! Call as soon as you receive a serious diagnosis. For emergencies, call the office and press ‘1’ when prompted.

Mass Intentions

Mon, Jan 2 12:05pm *Special Intention CKF*

Also remember in Prayer:

Wed, Jan 4 12:05 pm *Rita Gouner*

Also remembered in prayer:

Thu, Jan 5 5:15 pm *Larry Freeman (Birthday)*

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse;

Fri, Jan 6 9:30 am (Maison Teche): *John/Myrtle Grisaffi (Wedding Ann.)*

Also remember in prayer:

Fri, Jan 6 12:05pm(at Church): *Edres Blanchard*

Also remember in prayer: Steve/Chris Gauthier

Sat, Jan 7 8:30am: *Deacon Douglas/Dolores Hebert*

Also remember in prayer:

Sat, Jan 7 4:00 pm *Carol Gravois*

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Rosalie LeJeune, Joann LeJeune, Diane/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline “Jo” Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Steve Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M JT Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry/TJ/Neta, Shirley Landry, M/M Eno Maturin, Julius & Peter, M/M Leonard Verret, M/M Raymond Guillot, Harold Naquin, Eva Guillot, M/M Wilton LeBlanc; Winnie/Janet Landry; Gerard Eldridge; Fr. Peter Rogers; Special Intention; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh, Sr.

Sun, Jan. 8 9:00 am *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Also remembered in prayer: Brent Breaux, Gordon/Titus Landry, Danny Bayard; Johnnie Leblanc; Scott Lancon; Leona/Ben/Oray Savoie; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Special Intention; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie Sr., Leona/Bub Pirnie; Glen Pirnie; Roselyn “Butsy” Boudreaux; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Douglas Robichaux Sr; Scott J. Parker, Walter/Mark Robin; Marie/Earl, Sr./Earl, Jr .Weber; Marvin “Ga”/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Neil/Kathleen Shelton; Judy Lapeyrouse; Leroy/Lydia Gary; Hartman LeJeune, Beatrice Hayes; Frances B. Copp (Birthday Jan. 5), Corinne Landry (Ann. Jan. 13); Beula (Birthday Jan. 10)/Justin Larive, Larive Family; Ferdinand/Hortense Gonsulin & Family

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

The Mother of God & New Year's Resolutions

Note: This is not the homily. That can be found on our website.



A blessed Feast of Mary, Mother of God to everyone! In most western cultures, people are celebrating the New Year today. Of course, we are members of that western culture, so a Happy New Year to you as well. We began our *Liturgical New Year* on the First Sunday of Advent, but there's nothing wrong with embracing cultural traditions as long as they aren't contrary to our faith - and this one isn't. There are lots of wonderful customs attached to this day: fireworks, counting down to midnight, parties, and even the kiss at midnight (done chastely and/or with the appropriate partner) are all things we can enjoy. Now, our way of celebrating those things should look at least a little different from the world's - we should avoid drunkenness, for example - but there's much good there.

One New Year's tradition we can definitely make great use of is the New Year's resolution. Taking advantage of the spirit of new beginnings and the general sense of hope that's usually part of this season, this desire to be and do better is deeply compatible with our Christian call to ongoing conversion. Anyone who thinks they have "arrived" - that they no longer need to grow, learn, and be converted - they are in a dangerous place. So, yes, let us make good resolutions and strive to improve. As I've written in this column in the past, this is a practice we should bring to the Lord in order to be guided to improve not just what *we* want for ourselves, but what He wants for us. And our faith tells us that what He desires for us is always greater than what we desire for ourselves: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9).

So, that's the first piece of advice: pray and ask God to guide your resolution. Left to ourselves, we all too often focus on the wrong things. Or we fall short and into despair. Or we succeed and give ourselves too much credit, falling into the most dangerous sin of pride and self-sufficiency. As many a theologian and saint has pointed out: Satan will gladly let us grow in almost any virtue, so long as we also grow in pride.

The second piece of advice for your New Year's resolution is related to the first: humility and patience. The route to greatness in anything is not sudden or dramatic success. It is the accumulation of a thousand little steps, an often imperceptible growth over time. God can and sometimes does grant sudden, radical conversions or stunning new virtues, but that doesn't mean we can resolve ourselves into that kind of success. So, set realistic goals. It should be a genuine challenge, a genuine improvement over what was, but try not to look too far ahead. Focus on virtues instead of accomplishments, habits instead of glory. If wanting to learn an instrument, for instance, don't resolve to "be great at this instrument next year." Instead, resolve to practice 15 minutes a day. We see in this that goals should also be something concrete and measurable. Vague self-assurance that "I will be better" doesn't provide motivation, but a specific standard does. If, for instance, you want to resolve to not wait to the last minute for Christmas gifts next year, don't just leave that vague intention. Instead, go ahead in your calendar and add in specific days that you'll spend a hour or two on that goal.

Lastly, I want to offer two suggestions of resolutions you should consider. If you don't pray every day, start doing that! I cannot stress how important this is. You might think there's not much difference between 0 minutes of prayer and 10 minutes of prayer, but there is! Praying even just a little while every day can dramatically improve your relationship with God and, through that, just about everything else. Even just the tiniest step, the easiest resolution of 10-15 minutes a day is a huge leap forward. And if you already pray every day, reflect on how to improve, deepen, or lengthen that prayer in a concrete way. I often recommend *Lectio Divina*. Look into and try it.

If you don't know your faith well, consider making that a resolution. You can start attending our Whole Family Catechism classes once a month. Adults are welcome to come even if they don't have children in the program. There are also thousands of apps designed to help. I recommend you check out the Catechism in a Year podcast starting this year. Fr. Mike Schmitz did the Bible in a Year Podcast, which was the no. 1 podcast in the country two years in a row. If you haven't finished that one, try picking up where you left off. If you have, try this new one, which you can find at [ascensionpress.com /pages/catechisminayear](https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear). I think you'll find out all kinds of things you didn't know about your faith, you'll get answers to questions you didn't know you had, and you'll find your relationship with God improving all along the way. If you think listening to a whole podcast each day is too much, then make the resolution to listen 3x a week, or 15 minutes a day. It's titled "in a Year," but there's really nothing wrong with taking a year and a half or two years or more to get through it, so long as you are chipping away at it.

Finally, don't forget whose feast is today. Invite Mary to help you and guide in these resolutions. By the grace of God and through Mary's intercession, may the year 2023 be full of love and grace, no matter what else it may bring.

Weekly Bible Study



We have three options for bible study every week in the Parish Hall: 6pm Monday, 6pm Tuesday or 9:30am & 1:30pm Thursday. Feel free to drop in

Free Online Faith Formation

You can study the faith on your own at home using [Formed.org](https://formed.org). Just click "I belong to a parish or organization" and use our zip code to register for free.



Called & Gifted Starts Jan 17

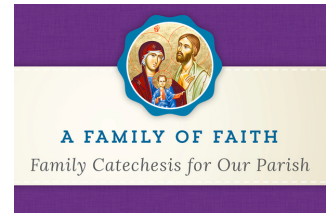
Called & Gifted is a program designed to help you discern your gifts and put them in service to the Church. It's an excellent way to deepen your spiritual life. The next series starts Tue, Jan 17. Another one will begin Mon, March 13.



CALLED & GIFTED

Please visit the office or our parish website under "religious education" to register.

Upcoming Catechism Events



- * Whole Family Catechesis (including 1st Communion and Confirmation students) meets next on January 8 after the 9am Mass
- * Confirmation and 1st Communion classes meet on Jan 15 and Jan 22 after the 9am Mass
- * Our next Family night is Jan 18 at 6pm starting in the Church. Food and games in the hall after adoration

Community Life

Catholic Daughters



If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. Next Meeting is Jan. 9th

Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting Jan. 11th



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**



YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL
June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL
June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
July 17 – 21, 2024

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION
July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025



"180" - Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, Jan 4. It starts in the Church with adoration and continues in the hall. All children 8th grade and up are encouraged to attend

Support our Lighting Upgrade

We're still raising funds to upgrade and improve the lighting in the Church. Please use the iGiveCatholic envelopes to support the campaign.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who gave me gifts and cards this Christmas! Your generosity and kindness continue to warm my heart. - Fr. Albert



Outreach & Evangelization

Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Beans

Poor Box

Poor box funds are used primarily to help elderly residents in the Jeanerette area. Thank you for your generosity!



Aftercare Program

Please continue to support our aftercare program with snacks and drinks. Volunteers are to help chaperone are also appreciated. Please call the office to see how you can help.



Door to Door Evangelization

Door to door ministry will continue in Lent. Each Saturday at 9am, parishioners will meet at the parish hall to begin with prayer and go out into the neighborhood. Please join us!



Stewardship: *Managing God's Gifts to Us*

If you give WEEKLY to the church

Income Level			Percentage of giving for each income level												
Weekly Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%	
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$24	\$30	
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$27	\$30	\$36	\$45	
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40	\$48	\$60	
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$75	
\$600	\$2,600	\$31,200	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90	
\$700	\$3,033	\$36,400	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49	\$56	\$63	\$70	\$84	\$105	
\$800	\$3,467	\$41,600	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120	
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$120	\$150	
\$1,200	\$5,200	\$62,400	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72	\$84	\$96	\$108	\$120	\$144	\$180	
\$1,400	\$6,067	\$72,800	\$14	\$28	\$42	\$56	\$70	\$84	\$98	\$112	\$126	\$140	\$168	\$210	
\$1,600	\$6,933	\$83,200	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96	\$112	\$128	\$144	\$160	\$192	\$240	
\$1,800	\$7,800	\$93,600	\$18	\$36	\$54	\$72	\$90	\$108	\$126	\$144	\$162	\$180	\$216	\$270	
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300	

For Sale in Parish Office

Case of Candles—————42.00

Individual Candles—————4.00

Holy Water Bottles—————1.00

Christmas Cards—————\$1.50ea./10 for \$12

Personal Hearing Assistance Device —120.00
(connects directly to our sound system)

Collections:

Offering Dec. 24/25

1st Collection: \$6638.00

Maintenance Fund: \$1802.25

Tithe.ly: \$147.00

Second Collections

January 1st: Maintenance Fund

January 8th: Religious Ed

January 15th: BSA

January 22nd: Church in Latin America

January 29th: Insurance Fund

You can give online!

Visit stjohnjeanerette.org/online-giving to sign up.

You can also find information on the website about using an app to give via your smart phone.



Job Openings:

Maintenance: part time care of grounds and facilities
Cantor/Musician: Sat 4pm; Occasional sub for Sun 9am
Call the office for more information.

